

REMARKS

With this Response to Restriction Requirement and Election of Species, Claims 60-65 have been canceled without prejudice, as being drawn to a non-elected invention, Claims 6, 21 and 44 have been amended and no Claims have been added. Thus, after entry of this response, Claims 1-59 are pending in the instant Application. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue Claims to canceled subject matter in one or more divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part applications.

AMENDMENT OF CLAIMS

Claims 6, 21 and 44 have been amended to correct improper antecedent basis. No new matter is added by the amendment of Claims 6, 21 and 44. Accordingly, entry into the instant Application is proper and respectfully requested.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT 35 U.S.C. § 121

Applicants elect to prosecute the Claims of Group I (claims 1-59) drawn to a compound of Formula (I) and pharmaceutical compositions thereof without traverse.

ELECTION OF SPECIES UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Applicants elect compound 15 in Figure 3 for prosecution on the merits. In compound 15 of Figure 3, R¹ is acyl (*i.e.*, -C(O)CH₃), x is 1, A is proline, y is 1, B is histidine, z is 1, C is serine, a is 1, R² is -(CH₂)_mS(O)_nR⁵, m is 1, n is 0, R⁵ is acyl (*i.e.*, -C(O)Ph), b is 1, R³ is -CH₂CONH₂, R⁴ is -NR⁶R⁷ and R⁶ and R⁷ are hydrogen. Claims 1-7, 20-22, 25, 30, 31, 44 and 59 read on the elected species.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending Claims of the captioned Application satisfy all requirements for patentability and are in condition for allowance. An early indication of the same is therefore respectfully requested.

No fees are believed due in connection with this Response to Restriction Requirement and Election of Species. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fee not included with this Response to Restriction Requirement and

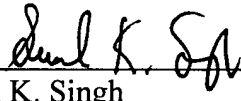
Election of Species or credit any overpayment to Dorsey & Whitney LLP Deposit
Account No. 50-2319. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for such purpose.

If the Examiner determines that prosecution of the instant Application would
benefit from a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned
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